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Meeting with Tom Latimer, August 29, 1988.

- l. Covered the same material as in the meeting the previous week with Bataglia.
- ✓ 2. Very little reaction, either positive or negative.
- √3. Did say that it appeared that we were making good progress.
- ✓4. Also indicated that a briefing on the report for key committee memberd should be considered for early next year.
 - 5. Gave him a copy of the draft executive summary. Did not provide a copy of the compensation questionnaire.
- √ 6. Re organizational alternatives, Latimer is of the very firm view, as is the committee, that the DCI already has responsibility for personnel matters in the legislation. I did not get the cite and in a quick reading of the NSA of 47 the language doesn't pop out at me.

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Points for July 22 SSG Meeting

- 1. Changing IC mission
 - -- surge capability needed
 - -- flexibility needed to meet unanticipated demands
 - -- real limits on the capacity of the IC agencies to carry out long range HRM planning.
- 2. Projected workforce changes likely to make it more difficult to recruit staff in the future.
 - -- workforce will grow at slower rate
 - -- greater percentage of new entrants of the workforce will be from at risk groups.
 - -- if current trends not reversed, be a smaller percentage of US nationals securing graduate degrees in high tech areas.
- 3. Panel view that IC agencies have used personnel flexibilities to good advantage in past.
 - -- indicators point to healthy personnel systems in most agencies.
 - -- able to recruit quality staff, attrition low.
 - -- only critical skill area where data indicates a problem is in linguists, reflective of a broader educational problem.
 - -- essential this personnel management flexibility be continued and in some cases extended.
- 4. Regarding the question of uniqueness of the personnel needs of the IC agencies.
 - -- Panel concluded that there was no case for agency-wide or community-wide uniqueness.
 - -- Panel also reluctant to raise the issue for fear of losing flexibilities the agencies now have.
 - -- Are situations where a relatively few staff need special benefits over and beyond the civil service.
 - -- Report will probably skirt this issue, though panel decisions will reflect this view.
- 5. In staffing area, data supports conclusions that except for the military service agencies, IC agencies have been able to fill mission critical positions with quality people.
 - -- can retain staff also.
 - -- that is not to say that there are not problems at the micro level, but the overall indicators are very positive.
 - -- military service agencies may be able to improve condition with new authority.

- -- but part of problem is more basic; lack of civilian career opportunities as compared to other agencies. Military in all leadership positions.
- 6. Panel conclusions and recommendations in staffing area:
 - -- Provide FBI personnel flexibility comparable to that provided the military service organizations.
 - -- Increase agency coordination in entrance level recruitment
 - -- Grant agency heads authority to waive dual compensation restrictions for retired military where there is a high level of technical expertise. See very few waivers.
 - -- Give greater consideration to HRM impacts in rapid resource shifts in the future.
- 7. Panel recommendations in separation area.
 - -- Flexibility in separation area not comparable to that in the hiring area.
 - -- Panel asked a look be taken to see if greater flexibility needed here as resource growth slows or possible declines.
 - -- for example, have authority to require retirement eligible staff to retire, rather solely an employee option as at present.
 - -- Panel also believes more must be done to ease transition to other employment or retirement.
 - -- for humanitarian as well as for security reasons.
 - 8. Panel conclusions and recommendations in the training and career development area:
 - -- heavy emphasis on skills training
 - -- uneven level of training effort between agencies.
 - -- see NSA career development program as a model.
 - -- agencies need to take steps to improve their career development programs.
 - -- seek authority to allow training for a degree under the Government Employees Training Act.
 - -- improve coordination and resource sharing in the training and career development area.
 - -- secure authority for intelligence training revolving fund.
 - -- support broader efforts to improve the size of the pool of persons in critical skill area through grants and similar support of education programs.
 - 9. Panel Conclusions and Recommendation in the Personnel Security Area:
 - -- greater uniformity of investigation requirements needed.
 - -- need to take action to reduce time required for clearance, especially in for the military service agencies

- -- a more proactive program needed to assist employees being dismissed. Related to earlier panel recommendation under separation.
- 10. Regarding proposed CIA personnel changes:
 - -- administrative changes in awards program approved.
 - -- no action on flexible benefits.
 - -- redesign pre-retirement program to more closely track State program.
- 11. Conduct separate review of INR.
 - -- several interviews complete.
 - -- Odeen will be meeting with some people.
- 12. Cost Reduction Issue:
 - -- Panel view is best dealt with in the context of salary review.
 - -- Provide incentives to managers to reduce staff and costs in design of compensation systems.
- 13. Next steps:
 - -- Complete analysis of EEO
 - -- Compensation and benefits analysis
 - -- Organizational issues.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Flexibility in appointing and compensation needed have recruited quality give FBI same flexibility
- 2. Relief from dual comp for retired military who have scarce skills.
- 3. Balance future staff cuts with mission adjustments
- 4. Share info on entrance recruits not hired.
- 5. Look at security processing times, esp military develop innovative alternatives such as NSA LIC
- 6. Outplacement program needed
- 7. Training good in scope and variety not uniform in amount improve coordination to avoid duplication.
- 8. Only CIA and NSA appear to be examining future trg needs--all should.
- 9. NSA strong career development program--other agencies should direct attention to this area.
- 10. DIA basic ordering agreement should be used by community.
- 11. Relax GETA limits on trg.
- 12. CIA changes;

redesign pre-retirement program to match States make award program changes asap hold action on flex benefits.

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